

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 6 and 9 as set forth below:

1. (Currently Amended) An application service providing method of providing a user with application services, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a business function list of holding applications;

inputting function requirements, which are selected from the business function list by a user and charge requirements specified by the user;

supplying application candidates satisfying the input function requirements and the input charge requirements; and

providing service of applications selected from the application candidates by the user by performing data format conversion between data input by the user and data for the selected applications or communication protocol conversion;

comparing the function requirements required by the user with the functions of the applications to calculate satisfaction degrees of the respective applications to switch

the currently operating application to another application having a higher satisfaction degree for execution.

2. (Previously Presented) An application service providing method according to claim 1, wherein the application candidates satisfy response requirements indicating a response of an application inputted by the user.

3. (Currently Amended) An application service providing method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

~~detecting change of satisfaction rate of the function requirements; and~~

~~exchanging an application not satisfying the user requirements with another application.~~

wherein if the currently operating application does not satisfy or is predicted not to satisfy the user requirements or the satisfaction degree of the currently operating application is predicted to decrease, the currently operating application is switched to the other application having the higher satisfaction degree.

4. (Previously Presented) An application service providing method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

storing a user name, names of applications contracted with the user, login names and passwords of the applications in a login information table;

accepting input of the user name; and

performing login procedures to the applications corresponding to the input user name in the login information table.

5. (Previously Presented) An application service providing system for providing a user with application services, the system comprising:

means for providing a business function list of holding applications;

means for inputting function requirements, which are selected from the business function list by a user and charge requirements specified by the user;

means for supplying application candidates satisfying the input function requirements and the input charge requirements; and

system linking means for providing service of applications selected from the application candidates by the user by performing data format conversion between data input by the user and data for the selected applications or communication protocol conversion.

6. (Currently Amended) An application service providing system according to claim 5, further comprising application exchanging means for exchanging an application not satisfying the user requirements with another application, comparing the function requirements required by the user with the functions of the applications to calculate satisfaction degrees of the respective applications and, if the currently operating application does not satisfy or is predicted not to satisfy the user requirements or the satisfaction degree of the currently operating application is predicted to decrease, exchanging the currently operating application with another application having a higher satisfaction degree.

7. (Previously Presented) An application service providing system according to claim 5, further comprising counter concentrating means for concentrating a counter of services for a plurality of applications.

8. (Previously Presented) A computer readable storage medium storing a program for realizing on a computer an application service providing system for providing a user with application services, the program comprising instructions for performing the steps of:

providing a business function list of holding applications;

inputting function requirements, which are selected from the business function list by a user and charge requirements specified by the user;

supplying application candidates satisfying the input function requirements and the input charge requirements; and

providing service of applications selected from the application candidates by the user by performing data format

conversion between data input by the user and data for the selected applications or communication protocol conversion.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium according to claim 8, wherein the program further comprises instructions for performing a step of exchanging an application not satisfying the user requirements with another application. comparing the function requirements required by the user with the functions of the applications to calculate satisfaction degrees of the respective applications and, if the currently operating application does not satisfy or is predicted not to satisfy the user requirements or the satisfaction degree of the currently operating application is predicted to decrease, exchanging the currently operating application with another application having a higher satisfaction degree.

10. (Original) A computer readable storage medium according to claim 8, wherein the program further comprises instructions for performing a step of concentrating a counter of services for a plurality of applications.

11. (Previously Presented) An application service providing method in an intermediary provider, which is different from a primary provider holding applications, of providing a user with application services, the method comprising the steps of:

inputting function requirements required by a user and charge requirements specified by the user;

supplying application candidates satisfying the input function requirements and the input charge requirements from the applications held by the primary provider; and

providing services of applications selected from the application candidates by the user by performing data format conversion, communication protocol conversion, or work flow management between the selected applications.

12. (Previously Presented) An application service providing system for providing a user with application services, the system comprising:

means for providing a business function list of holding applications;

means for inputting function requirements, which are selected from the business function list by a user and charge requirements specified by the user;

means for supplying application candidates satisfying the input function requirements and the input charge requirements; and

means for providing service of applications selected from the application candidates by the user by performing data format conversion, communication protocol conversion, or work flow management between the selected applications.

13. (Previously Presented) An application service providing method according to claim 3, further comprising the steps of:

storing first tag names corresponding to items displayed on a screen and second tag names corresponding to function results of the applications in a tag code list table with linking the first tag names with the second tag names;

determining the first tag names relating to the second tag names of the applications selected by the user; and

presenting item data corresponding to the determined first tag names to the user.

14. (Previously Presented) An application service providing method according to claim 1, wherein the charge requirements include at least one of a charge method, a limit charge, a collected charge, an intermediate total charge, a charge method of an application to be contracted, and a charge.

15. (Previously Presented) An application service providing method of providing a user with application services, the method comprising the steps of:

when the requirements for an application service are changed,

reading function requirements, response requirements, and charge requirements of an application service predetermined by a user;

comparing the read requirements with the requirements of the application currently provided;

if at least one of the requirements of the currently provided application does not satisfy the read requirements, selecting an application satisfying the read function requirements, the response requirements and the charge requirements; and

proposing the selected application to the user.